

# *Katy* **RICE** *festival*

October 11-13, 2019  
Downtown Historic Katy



Welcome to the 2019 Katy Rice Festival on the second weekend of October 2019, presented by the City of Katy and in conjunction with the Katy Rotary Club, a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to helping others in need through scholarships and donations. Our goal is to host a family-friendly, quality festival in the heart of Downtown Historic Katy with every dollar earned going directly back to the local Katy community.

# 2019 Katy Rice Festival



The City of Katy, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Katy, is proud to host the 2019 Katy Rice Festival Parade! The Katy Rice Festival will begin on Friday, October 11, 2019 and run through Sunday, October 13, 2019. The parade will be held Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

The entry fee is \$25.00 for each entry; non-profit groups and schools are FREE. We encourage all parade entries to decorate floats and vehicles, notably with a rice, historic or Katy theme. There will be trophies awarded in several categories, including "Best Use of Rice", "Best in Show" and "Crowd Favorite". Winners will be announced and trophies will be handed out on stage at the festival in the afternoon after the parade (approximately 1:00 PM). Due to duration of street closures, the parade will be limited to 100 entries. The entry deadline is September 13, 2019.

Selected entries will be promptly notified, and line-up locations will be assigned on or before October 4, 2019. Parade lineup starts at 7:30 AM in the Higher Dimension/Arc of Katy parking lot. A parade official will be available to assist you at the time of line-up. Note: The parade's judging stage will be at the Church of Christ in Katy parking lot. Please see parade map for details (last page).

## 2019 Katy Rice Festival Parade Entry Form

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Unit:** (Please circle only 1 category)

Marching Unit      Color Guard      Military      Bands      Dance Group      Decorated Float/Trailer

Church      Dignitary      Equestrian      Commercial      Queen/Princess      Firetrucks/Rescue Vehicles

Classic/Antique Vehicles/Tractors      Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Unit:**

Total Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Width: \_\_\_\_\_ Towed By: \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Walking: \_\_\_\_\_ # of People in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Sound/Music: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry Description:** *This will provide us information for the parade announcer. We reserve the right to shorten your description as needed.*

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For the safety of our viewers, PLEASE DO NOT THROW CANDY OR ANY MATERIALS FROM YOUR PARADE ENTRY. We encourage you to have walkers alongside to distribute candy and other materials.

All entries must have an identifying organization banner. We encourage the use of RICE somewhere on your entry.

This parade is a fun community event; please keep to a positive expression on your entry. The organizers reserve the right to refuse entry and participation.

**Katy Rice Festival Parade Rules & Regulations**

1. Marching and motorized units are to perform only in a forward motion. Parade should continue moving forward, except when performing in front of the reviewing stand. Any performances for the judges' stage should be no longer than 60 seconds.
2. For the safety of other parade participants and the public, the rate of march should be 3 mph or 120 steps per minute. If your entry is walking and has a motorized vehicle, the vehicle must maintain parade rate of movement in order to eliminate gaps in the parade.
3. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the parade. Anyone seen displaying any signs of alcohol will be promptly removed from the parade no questions asked.
4. No chewing gum, candy, etc. is to be thrown from motorized vehicles. These and other items are to be distributed by an individual at curbside or street level so the public does not get hurt.
5. Protests of controversial issues will not be allowed as an entry in the parade or in the line-up. Requests for parade registration by controversial entries will be screened carefully by the Katy Rice Festival Parade Committee for review.
6. Our only restrictions on floats are that they be of high quality and that professional float building materials were used. Floats should not exceed 12 feet in width and 14 feet in height. Floats must be pulled or self-propelled and the driver must have 180-degree vision.

7. Check-in and line-up will begin at 7:30 AM in the parking lot of Higher Dimension/Arc of Katy at the corner of Ave D and 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Please enter this area from the Ave D entrance (see parade map details). Parade volunteers will be available for assistance at the check-in location. Please be checked-in and in line no later than 8:45 AM. Parade will roll promptly at 9:00 AM.
8. Participants will be assigned their parade location prior to the parade. We ask that you do not choose a different location or change positions with other participants. Much time and consideration are given to each entrant location.
9. Animals are a welcomed addition to the parade; we however, ask that you please clean-up any waste the animals may create. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO DENY PARTICIPATION FOR ANYONE NOT ADHEREING TO THIS REQUEST.

Registration implies consent to above requests.

**Indemnity Agreement/Waiver of Liability:**

The Applicant(s) agree(s) to indemnify, hold harmless and defend any action against the City of Katy, the Rotary Club of Katy and all vendors and sponsors from and against all liabilities whatsoever arising out of the participation in the 2019 Katy Rice Festival Parade and Festival. By signing and participating the Applicant(s) understand the City of Katy, the Rotary Club of Katy and all vendors and sponsors of the 2019 Katy Rice Festival Parade and Festival are released from any claims, costs, and causes of action or personal injuries that may arise out of the involvement with this activity.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTRY DEADLINE: Extended to October 1, 2019**

The \$25 entry fee (non-profit and schools are free) is due upon registration via check or money order made payable to the Katy Rice Festival.

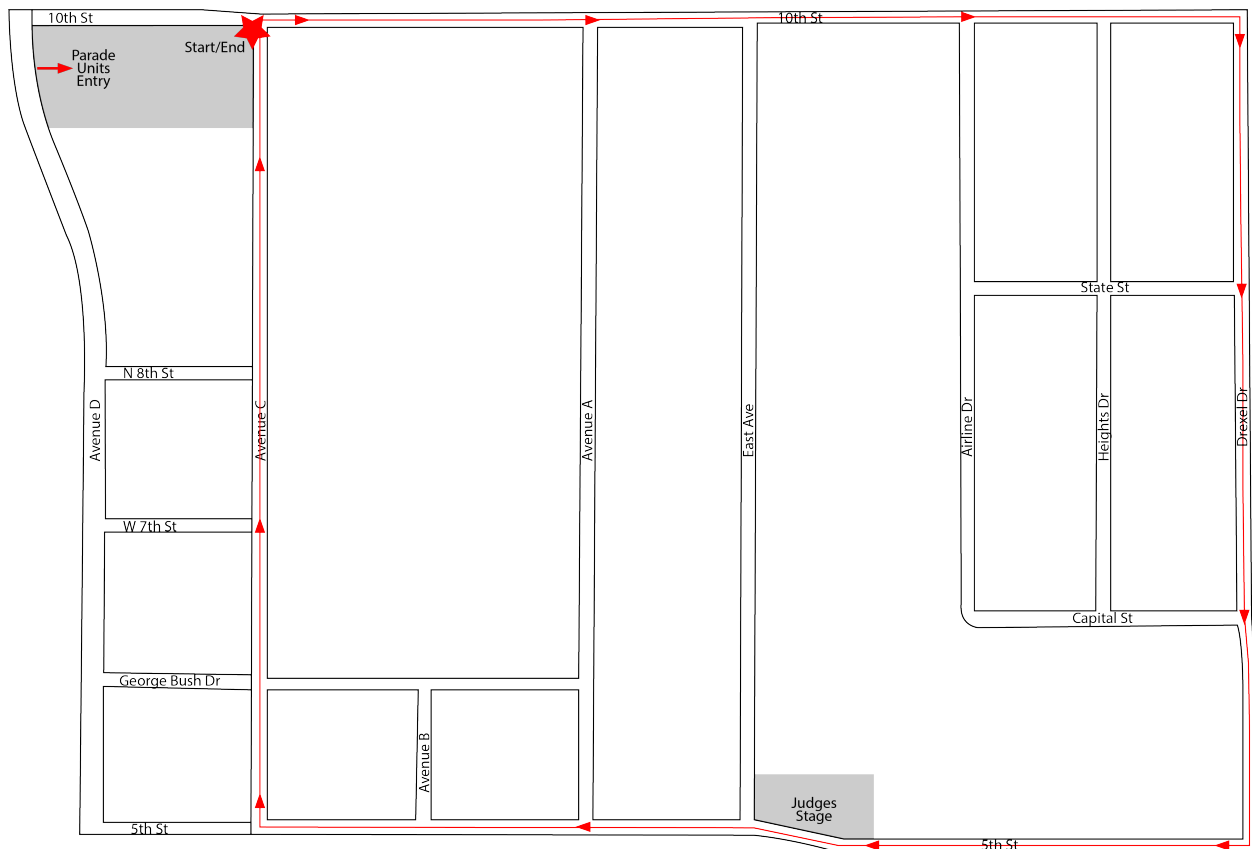
Mailing Address: City of Katy, Attn: Katy Rice Festival Parade, 901 Avenue C, Katy, TX 77493  
Contact person: Kayce Reina – [kreina@cityofkaty.com](mailto:kreina@cityofkaty.com) or 281-391-8653



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## Map



Distance: 1.5 Miles